

**Council for Labor & Economic Growth
Accelerating Re-Employment/Workforce System Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2006
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Chambers, Chair
Mitzi King
William Peterson
Lynn Zuellig

GUESTS

Gary Clark
Janet Howard
Brenda Njiwaji

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Hickner
Alan Low
Gene Pierce
Trenda Rusher
Holliace Spencer
Mary Thornton
Mike Zelly

COMMITTEE STAFF:

Sue Ann Searles
Marti Welsh

Mr. Matt Chambers, Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Introductions of meeting participants followed.

Ms. Janet Howard, Deputy Director, Bureau of Workforce Program (BWP), Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG), provided an overview of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Annual Report. Each state that is allocated funds under WIA must prepare and submit an Annual Report to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). The format of the report focuses on the negotiated performance levels in comparison to the actual performance levels achieved. Michigan exceeded the negotiated performance levels in the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs as well as the Customer Satisfaction levels. The first section of the report focuses on the performance levels of each of the individual programs. The end of the report focuses on the performance levels of each of the twenty-five Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs).

Mr. Chambers stated he was impressed by the efficiency of the programs. It was noted that the Kalamazoo/St. Joseph MWA did not meet the negotiated level of performance. Mr. Chambers inquired as to what approach would be taken with the Kalamazoo/St. Joseph MWA in regards to a corrective strategy. Ms. Sue Ann Searles would follow-up with Mr. Chambers.

It is not a requirement that the Annual Report be formally approved by the Council for Labor & Economic Growth (CLEG), however, the Accelerating Re-Employment Committee recommended the following:

- Use the report to spread “good news”;
- Present the report to various audiences in lay and professional terms; and
- Get the message out quickly in a condensed format.

Committee members were reminded their next meeting is October 4, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.